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In re Application of:

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REQUEST FOR A THIRTY (30) DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

NOW COMES, *Bissell Hotels, Inc.*, a North Carolina corporation, with a mailing address at 2115 Rexford Road, Suite 100, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211, by its undersigned attorneys, Ernest B. Lipscomb, III, Larry C. Jones and Henry B. Ward, III, members of the firm Alston & Bird LLP, Bank of America Plaza, 101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000, Charlotte, North Carolina 28280-4000, (704) 444-1000, hereby requests that its time for opposing the above-identified application be extended for a period of thirty (30) days, from April 15, 2003, up to and including May 14, 2003.

This extension of time is requested in order to afford a sufficient opportunity for Petitioner to complete an investigation as to the implications of the publication of the above-

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identified application. A thirty (30) day extension is requested because Petitioner realistically believes that the investigation of this matter cannot be completed within a shorter period of time. Accordingly, favorable action on this request is respectfully urged.

This Request for an Extension of Time to File a Notice of Opposition is being submitted in triplicate, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 2.102(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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